THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.RAMANA

Writ Petition Nos. 8397, 8399, 8406, 8422, 8429, 8430 and 8438 of 2007

Common Order:

This batch of writ petitions are filed questioning the action of the respondents in not issuing call letters to the petitioners for the post of Contract Junior Lineman, as illegal and arbitrary.

The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are fully eligible for the post of Junior Lineman and though submitted their applications for the said posts within the time stipulated in the notification, the respondents have issued hall tickets to similarly situated persons, but failed to issue hall tickets to the petitioners, and no reasons are forthcoming from the respondents for non-issuance of the hall tickets. It is further stated that the respondents are in the process of selection, and sought for a direction to consider the case of the petitioners along with others.

On the other hand, Sri Samineni Kishore, the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-A.P. Northern Power Distribution Company Limited submitted that though A.P. Transmission Corporation is made as a party respondent to the writ petitions, it has nothing to do with the subject interviews, and it is only A.P. Northern Power Distribution Company Limited, which is conducting interviews to the post of contract Junior Linemen in its area of operation. On instructions, he had given an undertaking to the Court that the respondents would conduct interviews to all the persons who have approached this Court, irrespective of the fact whether they are eligible

or not. He further submitted that the Chairman and Managing Director of APNPDCL issued memo dated 14.4.2007, directing the Superintending Engineers concerned, to issue call letters for the interview to the candidates by giving gap of seven days, by way of paper publication in local District editions. He produced a copy of the said memo before the Court, which reads as under.

> "….. In the reference (2) cited, the SLA has informed to CMD/NPDCL that he has mentioned before the Hon'ble High Court that all the writ petitioners shall be permitted to attend interviews even in cases wherein the Hon'ble High Court directions are yet to be issued.
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> In view of the above, the Chief Engineer/Zone Warangal & Nizamabad are requested to issue necessary instructions to their respective superintending Engineers of Operation circles to permit the said writ petitioners who have approached the Hon'ble High Court for issue of call letters for the interview by giving time gap of (7) days by publishing in Local District editions under their control and report compliance."

In view of the specific undertaking given by Sri Samineni Kishore, the learned Standing Counsel for APNPDCL that the respondents would conduct interviews to all the persons who have approached this Court, irrespective of the fact whether they are eligible or not, no orders need be passed in the writ petition.

Accordingly, the writ petitions are closed. Since the writ petitions relate to non-issuance of call letters for interviews, the learned Standing Counsel for APNPDCL shall communicate this order to the respondents to enable them to conduct interviews to the petitioners. No costs.

N.V.RAMANA, J.

DATE: 20.04.2007

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